



TAKE IT FROM DAD — Panel of fathers who will review experiences as parents at "Child Development

Day" session are, from left, Booker Jackson, Nestor Zapata, Rich Lohman and Jim Walker.

Experts address meet on child development

ALBANY — Recent research on child development will be discussed by several technicians scheduled to address a "Child Development Day" program Saturday, sponsored by the Marin School Parent-Teachers Association.

The six-hour session will open at 9:45 a.m. in multipurpose room of the Marin School at 1001 Santa Fe.

An Alameda County juvenile probation officer will speak on the moral development of children.

According to Sara Blackstock, chairman of the event, and several musicians, music teachers and a recreation director will discuss the significance of art, music and play in child development.

A practicing physician will report on nutrition and allergies, and the overwhelming importance of these factors in maintaining the child's health," Mrs. Blackstock continued.

"We'll also hear three fathers review their experiences as parents and

several persons involved in television evaluations will comment on some of the things the average person can do to influence the nature of video programming.

"We can accept the first 200 pre-registrations we receive — the Marin multi-purpose room can hold that number. However, those desiring to take advantage of our child-care service should sign as soon as possible. We are providing care for youngsters between three and 10 years old at St. Albans' Episcopal Church, and parents are asked to provide each child with a lunch.

"Those desiring additional information," Mrs. Blackstock added, "may call me 525-5237, or the Marin School at 527-2033."

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Waterfront Board election session

ALBANY — The Albany Waterfront Advisory Committee will elect officers for the year 1978 at its regular session Thursday at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the city hall.

Also on the agenda will be a progress report from City Administrator William Haden and a second report from Vince Nicora

of the Albany Landfill Corporation.

Nicora is "expected to comment" on a recent city council action in which staff recommendations with regard to the waterfront landfill operation were adopted. Nicora was informed of the action in a letter sent to his firm recently by Robert Guletz, Albany's director of public works.

The recommendations stipulate that:

(1) Fill and stockpiling operations on Santa Fe land be halted.

(2) Santa Fe land will be posted with signs reading "No Dumping."

(3) The landfill operator will be directed to receive and stockpile select material in specified areas.

(4) An interim (fill) plan will be prepared and will be used until a final closure plan is received.

(5) The city will continue monitoring the program.

Another reason, he said, is the "instability" of the Bay Area labor situation, referring to potential employee strikes that could cause even greater disruption if there were no alternative system available when either the BART or AC Transit workers go on strike.

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RE-ELECTED — Isabelle G. Bettens (right) was elected to second term as president of Albany Chapter 2618, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), in balloting conducted recently at the Marin School. Mrs.

Bettens is shown above with (from left), John C. Winters, assistant state director of the AARP, Albany Mayor Joyce Jackson, and Benjamin Fewell, the AARP's state director who conducted installation ceremonies.



Featured soloist

Alyce Chamberlain (above) will be featured violin soloist of Albany High School's annual Winter Concert scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday in the Marin School's multi-purpose room. She will play "Czardas" by A. Monti. Also featured will be violinist Karen Seegmiller and flautists Ingrid Schwab and Sandy Clark performing the first movement of Bach's Fourth Brandenburg Concerto in A Minor. The number will be directed by senior music student Mary Thonson. The AHS Orchestra, under the direction of Ernest Doubias, also will play two movements of Mozart's Symphony in G Minor and the "Capriccio Italien" by Tchaikovsky. A reception for orchestra members and their guests will be given by the Band Boosters following the free program.

— Photo by Liz Tellefson

Motorists warned on new traffic ticket law

ALBANY — Albany residents were warned today that a new state law requires the motorist to pay outstanding parking tickets before the Department of Motor Vehicles will renew his vehicle registration.

State Senator Nicholas C. Petris (D-Oakland) pointed out that the new law only applies to tickets issued after Jan. 1, 1978. "Earlier tickets must still be paid, of course, but their non-payment won't affect vehicle registration," he noted.

Senator Petris said he was making the announcement to insure that car owners know about this new law. "We all get parking tickets now and then, and this new law will affect every motorist who forgets or fails to pay a ticket."

"Courts throughout the state will notify the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) of unpaid tickets, thus the DMV will hear of your unpaid tickets, whether you get one in your hometown of visiting elsewhere in the state or if you get a ticket in one place, and change your residence without paying the ticket," he explained.

The purpose of this new law, he elaborated, is to cut down on the great

number of tickets issued.

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AEE session on writing curriculum

ALBANY — A discussion of the "K-12 Writing Curriculum" will be discussed at a regular session of the Association for Educational Excellence, scheduled this evening at eight in the Marin School's library.

Guests invited to attend the meeting include four fourth and fifth grade resource teachers for gifted and talented students — Robert Alpert, Marylee Saxton, Cam Teasdale and Lois Breault.

"Inability to write coherently is a nationwide problem," Anne Bell, AEE board member, said today, "and it is good to have attention directed to it in this district."

"Recommendations formulated at tonight's session will be forwarded to School Superintendent Charles McCullum," she concluded.

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Hometown news

Albany's Community Theatre began to sound like one last night, as the recently organized unit held its initial auditions for "Light Up the Sky."

The thespian will continue into this evening, in Albany High's Little Theatre, as Director Stephen Drewes searches for nine men and four women to make up the cast of the Moss Hart comedy.

"We'll know who got the parts by next Tuesday," Willi Kay Bokenkamp predicted. That's when the call-backs are scheduled.

Willi, who serves as the theatre's promotion chairman, also is doing some casting. She's looking for a technical crew, and they're not easy to find. The techs will work under the direction of Production Chairman Debra Mankert and Monay Jalaby, the stage manager.

And now the first performance is only eight weeks away. ★ ★ ★

Taking a different route to the footlights is Susan Kon, daughter of Albanyite Pamela C. Kon. Susan made her symphonic debut recently in a concert with the Whitman College Symphonic Band at Walla Walla.

Believing that "A widowed person is the one best able to help a widowed person," Beulah Belling is forming a group for the widowed.

"Sometimes we need help in coping with our feelings—we need aid in adjusting to our problems," Beulah mused. It occurred to me just the other day that it would be nice to have a group of widowed people who could get together occasionally to help each other.

"So I made some preliminary plans. We're having a meeting for them at the Senior Center, at 1 p.m. Monday.

"All widows and widowers interested in helping others in their similar situation are invited. And those wanting more information may call me at 531-5551."

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It's anybody's guess as to what may happen at today's meeting of Soroptimist International of Albany.

Ellen Zapata is staging a "show-and-tell" program, and blandly urging fellow Sorops to "bring something from your family history—heirlooms, whatever—and tell us all about it."

Battlefield reports may be issued within hours.

Post seeks

'useable discards'

OAKLAND — The Volunteers of America, Oakland Post, is seeking donations of all kinds of useable discards in their ongoing effort to aid needy and low-income families and individuals in the community.

Lt. Colonel Raymond G. Ecklund, Executive Officer, states: "We continue to receive increased calls daily for help. The extremely wet and stormy weather we've been experiencing is creating problems for many needy and low-income people; problems they do not have sufficient money to solve. We want to help in every area that we can, and in order to do so, we urgently need further donations of all kinds of warm clothing, shoes and boots, for men, women and children of all ages and sizes. We especially need outerwear such as coats, weatherproof jackets and rainwear."

Volunteers of America will send their truck, free of charge. Donors are asked to call 536-0123 for appointment.

Snowpack at 95 pct. of season's 'normal'

SACRAMENTO — The first snow surveys report for the 1977-78 season shows that 95 percent of the normal seasonal snowpack has accumulated with two months of the season remaining, the Department of Water Resources said today.

Well above normal amounts of water from snowmelt should be realized if average precipitation falls during the rest of February and March, the Department reported in its newly released Bulletin 120, Report No. 1, "Water Conditions in California." Forecasts of snowmelt runoff for April



ON THE RISE — James W. Dieterich Jr., president of the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association, points an accusing finger at the rising curve graphically illustrating the upward trend of local property taxes, as he discusses the situation with San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson (on right).

through July vary from 101 percent of normal on the Pit River to 142 percent of normal on the San Joaquin River.

Statewide precipitation for the first four months of the season is 135 percent of normal. Runoff during January was 220 percent of normal statewide.

Runoff is below normal only in the San Joaquin Valley and the Lahontan

area (the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada), and snowmelt is expected to bring those areas to normal or above later in the year.

Church news

ALBANY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

The responsive reading from Deuteronomy includes this verse as part of the Bible lesson sermon on "Christ Jesus" Sunday at 11 a.m.: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

The Reading Room is open Tuesdays front 2 to 4 p.m. at 1358 Marin Ave.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

At the 11 a.m. worship service this Sunday, Pastor Campbell will bring the message "The Burden" which will be third in a Lenten series of studies of the life of Moses. Special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir and nursery care will be provided.

The Rev. John Ellis, pastor of the Mayhew Community Baptist Church in Sacramento, California, will be the speaker at the 6:30 p.m. service. The subject will be "Personal Evangelism." There will be a time of questions and answers as well as a time of congregational singing.

The Sunday School with classes for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The Youth Groups will meet at 7:30 p.m. All of these events are open to visitors.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage, Albany.

"The Expedient Death" is the title of the sermon by the Rev. David Houston and it is based on the text from John 11 verses, 45 through 53.

The Council of Ministries will meet at the church on Thursday at 7:30 immediately following choir rehearsal.

The pot luck dinner will be on February 24 at 6:30. Everyone brings his own service. There will be a time of fellowship followed by films by David Scott."

At 9:30 Sunday morning Nina Hazelton will lead a Bible study and prayer group in the education unit of the church.

Each week Sunday School is available for children in pre-school and the early grades. This will parallel the 11 o'clock church service. Children will join the adults in the sanctuary during the first part of the service and then go to their classes. Nursery care will be provided for small children.

Kronos String Quartet concert

SAN FRANCISCO — On March 2 at 8 p.m. the Kronos String Quartet will present the first in a series of three modern music concerts sponsored by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

The series, called "The Mainstream and Other Currents" will be held in the fourth floor auditorium of the Museum of Modern Art, located at Van Ness and McAllister.

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Local area club news

ALBANY ROTARY CLUB

Local Rotarians have launched plans for a celebration marking the service club's fifth anniversary. Rotarian Jerry Blank is chairman of the fete and is "looking for suggestions to mark 50 years of progress."

ALBANY LIONS CLUB

The Lions will conduct their annual Student Speakers Contest Thursday evening at a ladies-night session.

The club also is mapping preliminary plans for its installation of officers on June 30, according to Henry Kruse, editor of the service organization's "Lampoon."

THE LIVE WIRES

Walter Sundman will show slides taken on his Alaskan trip on Friday evening at 7:30. The Live Wires will meet at the Albany Senior Center.

Refreshments will be served by Clara McLean and Trudy Moran.

Reservations for the Spring Bloom Festival on April 2 "must be made immediately," according to Elanore Belec.

N.A.R.F.E. NO. 1282

Albany Chapter No. 1282, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, at Grace Lutheran church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., El Cerrito.

Guest speaker, Andrew Gould, field representative, Berkeley office, Social Security Administration, will address the group on the current changes in the Social Security act and medicare.

President, William Read will preside. Ernestine Creighton and Henry Belleire are in charge of refreshments.

Margaret Gregory is taking reservations for the Reno-Sparks trip on April 4 and 5.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

"Lunch in the Gazebo" is the theme of the annual bridge game and buffet brunch being sponsored by the Aladdin Chapter of Children's Home Society, March 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington, Kensington.

Donation to the event is \$6.50 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Children's Home Society counseling programs, foster home care and adoptions.

Tickets for the luncheon may be obtained by contacting Iris Thomas at 324-2774.

ALBANY-BERKELEY HIGH TWELVE CLUB

The Albany-Berkeley High Twelve Club No. Eight will hold a meeting at noon Monday at Kirby's, in the El Cerrito Plaza. "This is ladies day and all members are requested to bring their ladies with them," W. E. Beemer, the group's information officer, said today.

The speaker, "he added," is Arnold Compton who will discuss the early history of the Masons in California."

All sojourner Masons are invited to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 292

The Albany Legion Post will host its second area

meeting Saturday and Sunday.

Included in the scheduled events is a bowling match at the Albany Bowl at 3 p.m. Saturday, a no-host cocktail hour at 6:30 Saturday preceding a dinner session at the Veterans' Memorial Building, and Sunday luncheon session, also served at the Memorial Building.

CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSN.

The monthly meeting of the East Bay division of the California Retired Teachers Association will be held March 9, at 12:30 p.m., in Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland.

Gladys Foster, a former Oakland teacher will show pictures of her tour of the U.S.S.R. and Mongolia. All members are invited.

Refreshments will be served before the program. Florence Malcolm, president, will preside over a business meeting following the talk.

PAST REGENT'S CLUB CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Past Regent's Club of the Catholic Daughters of America, Alameda County, will celebrate its birthday with a luncheon at the Le Bouc Restaurant, 2426 Lincoln Ave., Alameda, on Saturday. A social hour 11:30 is scheduled. Luncheon is at noon.

Pearl Perta, Court Alameda, is hostess for the luncheon.

BERKELEY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 262

Berkeley Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet on this evening at 8 in the Berkeley Odd Fellows Temple, 2288 Fulton St.

Noble Grand Bertha Nickel will preside over the meeting, and act as chairman for the evening.

The principal business will be the election of delegates to the Rebekah Assembly of California. Light refreshments will be served after the business session.

BERKELEY CITY CLUB

The Berkeley City Club will present its "Dixieland Camilia Ball" on Saturday. There will be a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and a "gourmet dinner" will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Music by the Dixieland Jazz Band "Incognitos" will provide dance and dinner music. Members are urged to bring guests and make early reservations for this, "one of the Club's most gala affairs."

Committee in charge is charged by Captain and Mrs. Robert Dohller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Jensen and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ross.

The Performing Arts Section of the club will present the "Kronos String Quartette" on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Members' Lounge.

The Quartette, composed of David Harrington, violin; Ella Kilian Gray, violin; Hank Dutt, viola and Walter Gray, cello has performed extensively and with great success in many areas of the United States and Canada."

BERKELEY WOMEN'S REFUGEE

The Berkeley Women's Refugee, 2134 Alston Way, will be closed since February 14 for cleaning and

\$800 million in refunds for California taxpayers

SACRAMENTO — Most of the millions of Californians now filing or working on their state income tax returns can expect to share in about \$800 million in refunds, State Controller Kenneth Cory said today.

"It looks like a typical refund check this year will be around \$65 although the actual sums will vary greatly both above and below that figure," Cory said. "The early-bird refunds are being processed now by the Franchise Tax Board and we will be able to issue the first refunds within a few weeks. Of course, the earliest refunds go to those who file their returns earliest."

Cory said he expects to issue about six million income tax refunds this year, most of them to persons whose state income taxes were over-withheld from wages. Others will go to non-withholding taxpayers who overpaid on estimates. Last year most \$744 million in refunds were paid to over 28 million taxpayers.

"We also expect a growing number of refunds to residential renters who do not have income disability matching or exceeding the \$73 Renters Credit available to them," Cory said.

Prince Albert

Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, died of typhoid fever in 1861 at the age of 42.

painting and refurbishing, will reopen Monday.

The Women's Refuge is an emergency, temporary shelter for women and their children who are in a life crisis with no place to go. The shelter offers housing, food, counseling and community referrals.

There is always a need for donations, goods and volunteers. For more specific information, please call 849-3214."

GREATER EAST BAY FOLK DANCE COUNCIL

A Folk Dance Festival will be held in Oakland, at the Oakland Auditorium, 10th & Fallon Sts. on Sunday. Folk dancers from all over northern California will gather to dance the dances of many nations around the world.

Dancing is scheduled from 1:30-5:30 p.m., and from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Exhibitions also will be presented in mid-afternoon. The public is invited and admission is free.

The event is sponsored by the Folk Dance Federation of California and the Great East Bay Folk Dance Council.



NEW SALES REPRESENTATIVE — Pamela S. Babor this week was named Santa Fe Railway sales representative will serve shippers in Albany, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Richmond and San Pablo, J. R. Walter, senior sales manager in San Francisco, announced today. Ms. Babor, a native of Chicago, joined Santa Fe in 1966 as a steno-clerk in the market research department and was advanced to a management trainee in sales post last year.

Tax board offers tips on preparing state returns

ALBANY — With the holidays just a memory, Albany taxpayers are preparing for another annual ritual — the preparation of their State income tax return.

While few consider it a reason to be jolly, preparing a return can be considerably less onerous if taxpayers start now to gather their records, according to the Franchise Tax Board.

Whether a taxpayer itemizes or takes the standard deduction, certain documents are essential, for example, the Form 540 income tax return for residents or the Form 540NR for nonresidents or people who arrived here after January 1, 1977. Every wage earner must have his or her employer's report of wages paid, the W-2.

The department has mailed 8.3 million forms to Californians who filed tax returns last year. In addition, 660,000 postcards were sent to taxpayers who indicated last year

that they did not require the regular State forms.

These are mostly people who have their returns prepared by practitioners and who use their own forms almost identical to and acceptable to the department," according to Assistant Executive Officer James Gentz.

State tax officials suggest taxpayers sort out their records on the basis of information called for by the tax return:

Filing status and dependents. Be prepared to prove your right to head of household status if you claim eligibility and to prove your right to claim certain dependents.

Income. Have records showing any interest or dividend income received, rent income or other miscellaneous payments. It's a good idea to have paycheck stubs handy in case of a discrepancy in your W-2 form.

Adjustments to income. You will need records for

any disability expenses, moving expenses, certain employee expenses and alimony payments, which, for the first time, is allowable as an adjustment to income.

Itemized deductions. Get together your receipts for taxes, records of charitable contributions, medical and dental expenses, interest payments, and proof for any other allowable deduction.

Credits. This includes payment for the care of a dependent child, receipts for installation of an approved solar energy device, credit for taxes paid to another state, and the water equipment tax credit.

Capital gains or losses. Taxpayers with business income need records to document their business costs.

And finally, taxpayers who need help should check their telephone directory for the number of the Franchise Tax Board.

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S.F. Youth concerts' folk theme

SAN FRANCISCO — Folk themes will provide the connecting threads for the upcoming Youth Concerts program scheduled by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra for mid-February through mid-March. Associate conductor David Ramadanoff will direct the performances which will feature the music of Moussorgsky, Dukas and Stravinsky.

"A Night on Bald Mountain," Moussorgsky's colorful work evoking images of goblins and ghosts, opens the program. This fantasy world in music continues with Dukas "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," and concludes with Stravinsky's "Firebird" music. Each work has been selected by Ramadanoff for an interesting story line which translates easily into musical terms, as well as for its intrinsic musical values.

The series provides students in grades three to eight with an opportunity to enjoy a real concert experience in the traditional setting of the War Memorial Opera House."

Performances are one hour each and have been scheduled for Feb. 17 and 24 and March 3 and 10 at 10:45 a.m. The San Francisco Symphony provides concert guides for use by teachers in pre-performance briefings on the music and instruments. This year it will implement the program in San Francisco by providing Youth Concert Docents to aid in these educational activities. The docent program was initiated by Mrs. Robert Anderson, Youth Concerts chairperson, who hopes to expand this year's pilot program in San Francisco to other Bay Area communities in future seasons.

Tickets at \$1.50 each are available now through elementary schools in the Bay Area or directly through the San Francisco Symphony Association Education Program Office, 107 War Memorial Veterans' Building, San Francisco 94102, (415) 861-6240.



HORSE TRAINER COL. F. L. CARR

—G photo



CARR IS SHOWN ON HORSEBACK DURING HIS ARMY YEARS

He played polo with Gen. Patton

By JOHN ADAMS

ALBANY — "I knew Patton. Played polo against him. He rode a tank — rode right over you."

Col. F. L. Carr, 84-years-young, still has a twinkle in his eye as he talks of men like Gen. George C. Patton whom he rode against in his youth.

If Patton was here he would probably tell you the Colonel was no cream-puff on horseback either. In fact, Col. Carr represented the U.S. in the equestrian events at both the 1924 and 1928 Olympics.

Today Col. Carr is the revered elder statesman among thoroughbred horse trainers on the West Coast. He has brought his racing string of 10 to Golden Gate Fields for the season.

The Colonel didn't always direct from the sidelines. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Carr rode in the 1924 Olympics in France and then brought his first race horse named Mithrodate from Baron Rothschild.

"They thought he was broken down," says the Colonel smiling. "But I got him well."

Returning to America with his French horse, the Colonel began his career as a trainer in 1926. He

rode west in a box car with Mithrodate. "No one was going to get to that horse. We ran twice at the track in Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso. We won on a Sunday and then on Thanksgiving Thursday there. Juarez was a pretty gay town."

It was at Juarez that Col. Carr met the man who was to become a lifelong friend, Bill Kyne, the chief of racing there. Kyne later pioneered the reopening of horse racing in California, and founded Bay Meadows Race Track. "He was a great fellow and a good gambler," says Col. Carr. "He probably gambled to get through the Pearly Gates."

After the fun at Juarez, Col. Carr went back to the U.S. Cavalry School at Ft. Riley, Kan. He instructed horsemanship and riding there while preparing for the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. Mithrodate was still with him. "I kept that horse until he was 15, rode him at Belmont, Saratoga. Those were military races against officers from other nations," notes the colonel.

His 1928 Olympic ride was marred by a mistake by a teammate. A Major George was on the team largely because he was the son-in-

law of the chairman of the Armed Services Committee. There were three Americans, Carr, Maj. Sloan Doak and George.

"We had to follow a flag course. At one point we had to make a sharp right turn and there were many ladies seated as spectators there. Major George saw them and stopped to wave. He then missed the flag and got us all disqualification for the team event," he says.

Col. Carr admits that Major George was unpopular for some time after that with his teammates who had finished first and second and only to be left out.

Returning to the U.S. Col. Carr instructed for the U.S. Cavalry through the 1930s. During WWII he says he never got across, (meaning Europe), since he was detained in the U.S. buying horses for a cavalry which never was used.

The Colonel retired in 1946, bringing his horses to Del Mar. Horsemen and racing fans might recall Eddie Schmidt and Cadiz, both of which he trained to racing greatness.

But perhaps his greatest achievement as a trainer was 1977 at Bay Meadows when Colonel

purchased a horse for \$5,000, Hillsdale Lass, and proceeded to improve her to the point she won in allowance company. In eight races, Carr won four with the mare, finished second twice, and third once.

Today he is ready at Golden Gate with 10 horses, the best of which is probably Smallcraft Warning. "He's a little faint-hearted," admits the Colonel, "but five furlongs on the grass should do."

Col. Carr trains his animals to come from off the pace." If YOU ran a half-mile and ran the first 100 yards in 10 seconds you might not even finish," he says with a twinkle. His horses always finish with a rush.

He still dines with military friends and classmates at the Presidio. Still very much a military man, he recalls Eisenhower and Bradley, both of whom were 1st Classmen at The Point when he was a Pueblo. "Ike's home was in Kansas near the cavalry school. That's where I got to know him."

But neither Eisenhower nor Bradley were horsemen, says the Colonel who names Maj. Sloan

Doak as the best all-around reinsman he ever knew.

His heart is still with Mithrodate the first horse he raced, but Carr admits that a horse the Irish government gave Gen. Pershing after WWI rates with the very best. "His name was Proctor," says the Colonel. "I rode him in Olympics, and he was the strongest horse I ever rode."

Outstanding people he has known in racing? The Colonel names his friend Kyne, Tom Smith who trained Seabiscuit for Charles Howard, and has a soft spot in his heart for the jockey he uses today Bill Mahorney. Of Mahorney the Colonel says "I know he is always trying. We communicate."

Any morning at Golden Gate you can see the Colonel in his tweed cap, standing by the rail with a classic gold stopwatch in his hand watching his thoroughbreds race. In the annals of thoroughbred racing there is a place for Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, Tom Smith, Earl Sande, and many more. But there is a place not so far from the track for a man who may still be seen at Golden Gate Fields, Col. F. L. Carr.

Albany Senior Center News

By STEPHANIE
FALLCREEK
and
MARTY ROSMAN

Today — Adult classes at 9:30, noon and 2 (World Affairs, Creative Retirement and Human Relations) — registration is free to seniors, and you're urged to attend them. The 4 o'clock dinner will feature fried chicken (we have a new meal caterer — come and try their fare, and be sure to call well ahead and reserve your place!). Entertainment by soprano Pearl Wolf. Note that the main courses for the rest of the month are different from those on your February activities calendar, because of the new calendar.

Thursday — Come to the bingo game at 10:30 — prizes for the winners (this may be your lucky day!). Community singing at 11:30, and cards and games in the afternoon. Macaroni and cheese "fiesta" for supper, then what promises to be an informative talk by a representative of "Legal Ser-

Recital in Fort Mason 'Center'

SAN FRANCISCO — Gordon Pratt and Susan Franklin, San Francisco Conservatory of Music students, will present a lute and soprano recital at the Fort Mason Cultural Center, March 5 at 2 p.m. The performance is sponsored in cooperation with the Fort Mason Foundation and the Golden Gate Recreation Area and is open to the public free of charge.

Laszlo Varga's Brahm's concert

SAN FRANCISCO — Cellist Laszlo Varga performs an all-Brahms concert on March 7 at 8 p.m. in Knuth Hall on the San Francisco State University campus.

For information and reservations for the all-Brahms concert, call the Creative Arts Box Office at 585-7174, noon-4 p.m. weekdays.

vices for Seniors," an organization which provides a low-cost program of pre-paid legal service to older citizens with moderate or low income. This may be your chance to get the assistance you need with various legal problems, so plan to attend the talk, even if you don't come for dinner.

Friday — The art class with Gloria Trout continues at 10, and the bridge party starts at 12:30 — come and play! Meat loaf and gravy is on the menu tonight for those not taking the trip to San Pablo for an Italian dinner and old-time show (there are still a few places left — call now and reserve yours for this fun event — \$8.25 includes everything — the bus leaves at 4:45).

Saturday — The "Cultures & Countries" class continues at 9:30, and bingo gets underway at 11:45. Stitchery fans meet during the morning (starting at 9). Bag lunches are in order, as the dancing is active and fun from 2 to 5. Don't forget the "Senior Prom," the weekly Saturday nite dance at the Center from 8 to 11 — \$1.50

at the door includes refreshments — everyone says these are really enjoyable events!

Sunday — The Center is open at noon for relaxing activities, such as cards and visiting, with coffee on tap. A nice quiet place to spend a Sunday afternoon. You can practice your dance technique next door from 2 to 4.

Monday — The Creative Writing class starts up again, after the two-week holiday layoff — Marcy meets with participants at 9. Bag lunch at noon, and watercolor class from noon to 2. Beulah Belling will meet with a widow's group from 1 to 3:30 — take advantage of this chance to share some of your feelings about widowhood. Braised beef with mushrooms will be served at 4.

Tuesday — Needicraft at 10. A special watercolor class will be starting on Tuesday mornings soon, probably early in March — watch this column for further information. The exercise class starts at 2 today — it's good for you and fun, too — give it a try! Roast ham (yum! yum!) for dinner, and A

program of modern dance afterwards.

A special note of thanks to Mother's Cake & Cookie Co. and Larson's Bakery (near the Oaks Theatre) for the baked goods they have donated as refreshments for the dances on Saturday nites — their generosity is appreciated.

Upcoming trips: The Opry House in San Pablo (see Friday this week); North Shore Cal-Neva Mar. 5 and 6 (a few places left at this writing); Cliff House and KQED Mar. 13 (sold out); Oakland Zoo and Museum tours with no-host lunch on April 11.

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